

receiving associated telephone number signals upon the instance of a call from one of said remote terminal apparatus;

testing said associated telephone number signals with respect to stored negative data to determine the acceptability of said call from said one of said remote terminal apparatus as indicated by an acceptability signal;

accepting said call from said one of said remote terminal apparatus conditioned on said acceptability signal; **[and]**

interfacing via said communication facility to accepted calls to provide voice signals for cueing callers and receiving responsive digital data in accordance with a select format **[to accepted calls]; and**

testing at least certain of the responsive digital data against stored positive data to determine if further voice signals for cueing callers should be provided.

30. (Amended) A system for executing **[game]** formats in association with a communication facility including remote terminal apparatus for individual **[playing]** callers, wherein said remote terminal apparatus **[may include a conventional telephone]** includes a telephonic instrument with voice communication means and digital input means in the form of an array of alphabetic, numeric buttons for providing data, said system comprising:

means for receiving associated telephone number signals upon the instance of a call from one of said remote terminal apparatus;

means for testing said associated telephone number signals with respect to stored negative data to determine the acceptability of said call from said one of said remote terminal apparatus as indicated by an acceptability signal;

means for accepting said call from said one of said remote terminal apparatus conditioned on said acceptability signal; **[and]**

means for interfacing said communication facility to provide voice signals for cueing callers and receiving responsive digital data in accordance with a select format to accepted calls; and

testing at least certain of the responsive digital data against stored positive data to determine if further voice signals for cueing callers should be provided.

Please add the following new claims 31-51 as indicated below.

4 31. A process according to claim 16, further comprising the step of:  
transferring calls for which no acceptability signal is received to a manual  
terminal for direct communication.

5 32. A process according to claim 16, wherein the select format is selected from  
plurality of formats based on dialed number identification signals automatically received  
from the communication facility.

33. 6 A process according to claim 16, wherein the stored negative data includes a list  
of unacceptable numbers.

B3 34. 7 A process according to claim 33, wherein the responsive digital data include  
identification data entered by the callers and the callers are further qualified based on the  
caller identification data.

35. 8 A process according to claim 34, wherein the identification data includes social  
security number data for the callers.

36. 12 A system according to claim 30, further comprising:  
a manual terminal to which calls are transferred for which no acceptability signal  
is received.

37. 13 A system according to claim 30, wherein the select format is selected from a  
plurality of formats based on dialed number identification signals automatically received  
from the communication facility.

38. 24 A system according to claim 30, the stored negative data includes a list of  
unacceptable numbers.

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1539. A system according to claim 38, wherein the responsive digital data includes identification data entered by the callers and the callers are further qualified based on the caller identification data.

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<sup>16</sup>40. A system according to claim 39, wherein the identification data includes social security number data for the callers.

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41. A method for executing formats in association with a communication facility including remote terminal apparatus for the individual callers, wherein said remote terminal apparatus includes a telephonic instrument with voice communication means and digital input means in the form of an array of alphabetic, numeric buttons for providing data, including the steps of:

receiving associated telephone number signals automatically provided by the communication facility upon the instance of a call from one of said remote terminal apparatus;

testing said associated telephone number signals with respect to stored data to determine the acceptability of said call from said one of said remote terminal apparatus; and

selectively providing one or more cues to said one of said remote terminal apparatus and providing at least one cue depending upon the associated telephone number signals for said call from said one of said remote terminal apparatus in accordance with a select format.

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42. A method according to claim 41, further comprising the step of:  
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testing said associated telephone number signals against stored negative telephone numbers that are unacceptable.

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43. A method according to claim 41, further comprising the step of:  
transferring said call to a manual terminal based on a condition and displaying data relating to said call based on the associated telephone number signals relating to said call.

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44. A method according to claim 41<sup>20</sup>, wherein the select format is identified from one of a plurality of formats based on dialed number identification signals automatically provided by the communication facility.
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45. A method according to claim 41<sup>20</sup>, wherein at least one cue indicates on-going accounting data during said call.
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46. A method according to claim 41<sup>20</sup>, further comprising the step of:  
receiving digital data in accordance with the select format responsive to at least one cue.
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47. A method according to claim 46<sup>25</sup>, further comprising the step of:  
further testing and qualifying callers based on a one time use test.
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48. A method according to claim 46<sup>25</sup>, wherein the callers are further qualified based on the associated telephone number signals or caller identification data entered as digital data responsive to the cue or both.
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49. A method according to claim 48<sup>27</sup>, wherein the caller identification data is social security data.
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50. A method according to claim 48<sup>27</sup>, further comprising the step of:  
transferring said call to a manual terminal for direct communication.
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51. A method according to claim 50<sup>29</sup>, wherein data for a caller is entered at the manual terminal.

#### REMARKS

In response to the office action dated November 9, 2000, Applicant is submitting this response and amendment. Claims 16 and 30 are amended to address the Examiner's Section 112

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